



# ***WHITESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT***



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## **Grass Rig Purchase Proposal**

The current grass rig owned by the WFD is a 1984 Chevy pick-up truck that has seen its fair share of service. It has become unreliable for any emergency response. The latest incident it responded to was on December 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Responding emergent on a call, the truck made it from the fire station to the 5500 block of S. Main Street before it lost power and died for unknown reasons. The crew had to disregard themselves from the run, and the grass rig had to be towed to maintenance.

With the year-end budget reports in place thru November, it was determined that the fire department would be able to satisfy the \$74,000 minimum savings amount to maintain a balanced budget using the remainder in Group 1. The remainder in Group 1 is estimated to be around \$85,000. This surplus is due to not hiring the 4 full time personnel in October, as we are waiting for the State to confirm the budget for 2015, and what cuts may have to be made, so we can ensure employment retention of the new personnel in 2015 and beyond. With this, there is enough money left in the operating budget of the fire department to purchase a new truck.

Currently an apparatus spec committee is in place obtaining as many quotes and options as possible in such a short time frame. At the time of typing this proposal, I have no official quotes to submit. We are pursuing a 1-ton diesel truck, and using the current tank / pump set up from the current grass rig. I am requesting the council consider granting approval for the FD to purchase a grass rig with the cost of the truck not to exceed \$50,000.

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